

THE CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.
THE FIFTH PERFORMANCE OF THE PANTOMIME, 'ROBINSON CRUSOE,' WILL BE GIVEN TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 12th February. The dates of the other Performances will be February 16th, 18th and 23rd.
Late Trains each Evening 15 minutes after fall of Curtain.
TICKETS and BOOKS of the Works of Songs can be obtained at MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 285

To Let.

DWELLING HOUSES.—'BANGOUILL' MOUNT KELLET, (Furnished).
'HIGHER' at MAGAZINE GAT, 'EVENING' West, on ROBINSON ROAD.
FLOORS in BUNGALOWS, FLOORS in BUNGALOWS, PEARL STREET and STANTON STREET.
FLOORS in No. 6, SHELLEY STREET.
GODOWNS—BLUE BUILDINGS, No. 7A, PRATA CENTRAL.
Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, January 29, 1895. 215

To Let.

No. 2, PEDDER'S STREET, next to the GENERAL POST OFFICE.
Apply to G. C. ANDERSON.
Hongkong, December 7, 1894. 1888

To-day's Advertisements.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having returned to Hongkong has THIS DAY RESUMED CHARGE of the Company's BUSINESS at this Port.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 307

THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having returned to Hongkong has THIS DAY RESUMED CHARGE of the Company's BUSINESS at this Port.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 308

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Annual Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 9th Proximo, at Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1894, and to elect a Committee of Management and Auditors.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd Instant to the 9th Proximo, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 310

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
The Co.'s Steamship *Zafiro*, Captain GRAY, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 13th Instant, at 5 p.m.
This Steamship has superior Accommodation for Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 301

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Co.'s Steamship *Hailong*, Captain ROUSE, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 14th Instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAURIE & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 305

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA).
The Co.'s Steamship *Prinz Heinrich*, Captain H. WALTER, will leave for the above Ports on or about SATURDAY, the 16th Instant.
For further Particulars, apply to MELOERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 303

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NOTICE.
STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
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To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, VALUABLE BOOKS, WORKS OF ART, &c.
THE Undersigned has received instructions from Mr. W. ST. J. HANCOCK to Sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 14th February, 1895, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 4, Beaconsfield Arcade, THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising—
DRAWING and DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, PIANO, &c., &c.
A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF ENGRAVINGS, Etchings, &c., &c.
A LIBRARY of WORKS on ART, SCIENCE, and LITERATURE.
Catalogues will be issued previous to Sale. On View from Wednesday, the 13th Instant, p.m.
TERMS of SALE.—As customary.
GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 309

TO LET.
OLD CHARTERED BANK PREMISES in 'CONNAUGHT HOUSE,' Queen's Road.
Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 311

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM SHANGHAI AND KOBE.
THE S.S. *Marie Valerie* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN CO., LIMITED, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 17th Instant, or they will NOT BE RECOGNIZED.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 17th Instant will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 300

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
CENTENNIAL, American ship, Capt. B. J. Colcord.—Captain.
SACHEM, American ship, Capt. Bartlett.—Shewan & Co.
WILLIAM LE LACROIX, British barque, Capt. Maddox.—Captain.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895. 306

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. *CARMARTHENSHIRE*, FROM LONDON, ANTWERP, LONDON, MIDDLESBRO' AND STRAITS.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned on or before the 18th Instant, or they will NOT BE RECOGNIZED.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th Instant, at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th Instant will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS OF THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS; LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.
THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LOGGAGE.
N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
Prinz Heinrich, Monday | March 4.
Bayern, Monday | March 11.
Freussen, Monday | April 20.
ON MONDAY, the 4th day of March, 1895, at 3 p.m., the Company's S.S. *PRINZ HEINRICH*, Capt. ENGELHART, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.
Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 2nd March, 1895, at 3 p.m., the Company's S.S. *PRINZ HEINRICH*, Capt. ENGELHART, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.
The Steamship has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewards.
Linen can be washed on board.
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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bremen & Ports of Call.	Prinz Heinrich (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	March 4, at 3 p.m.
Japan.	Ancona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 15, at noon.
Lipool, S. ports & Adm.	Oceanic (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	About March 15.
London & Ports of Call.	Buttle (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 14, at noon.
London, v. Ports of Call.	Glenfaloch (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Feb. 14.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Oreates (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	About Feb. 10.
London, v. Marseilles.	Ceylon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 6.
Manila.	Japan (s)	Shewan & Co.	Feb. 13, at 5 p.m.
Marseilles, v. Saigon.	Zafiro (s)	Simonson & Co.	Feb. 20, at noon.
New York, v. Suez Canal.	Glenfaloch (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Feb. 19.
New York.	Sintra.	Carlitz & Co.	About March 15.
New York.	Lucy A. Nickels.	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	About March 15.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	China (s)	O. & S. S. Co.	Feb. 27, daylight.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	Belgia (s)	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai.	Prinz Heinrich (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	About Feb. 15.
Shanghai & Kobe.	Kion (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 12, at 6 p.m.
Shanghai & Kobe.	Vindobona (s)	Sintra.	About Feb. 12.
Straits, Colbo & B'way.	Brato (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 14.
S'pore, Penang & C'th.	Arratoon Apear (s)	Douglas LaPraik & Co.	Feb. 12, at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Amoy & C'th.	Kaitan (s)	Douglas LaPraik & Co.	Feb. 12, daylight.
Swatow, Amoy & C'th.	Hailong (s)	Canadian P'g & Co.	Feb. 20, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.), & Tacoma (s)	Nor. P'g & S. & Co.	Nor. P'g & S. & Co.	Feb. 13, at 4 p.m.
Yokohama and Kobe.	Gorda (s)	Siemssen & Co.	About Feb. 16.
Y'ghua, Kobe & N'saki.	Nurnberg (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	About Feb. 16.

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SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
February 10:—
Marie Valerie, Austrian steamer, 2,644, Baldaurs Vidos, Kobe (Japan) February 3, General.—SANDER & Co.
Drot, Norwegian steamer, 1,802, H. Hansen, Batum December 25, Petroleum.—ORBER.
Adonia, British str., 1,827, J. Murray, Saigon February 5, Rice.—MELCHERS & Co.
Tanand, British str., 319, T. H. Clegg, Chinkiang February 6, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Straits of Menai, British steamer, 1,846, A. Coell, Mofet February 5, Coal.—DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.
February 11:—
China, British steamer, 4,939, W. B. Seabury, San Francisco January 15, Honolulu, 22, Yokohama February 5, and Nagasaki, 7, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.
Pekin, British steamer, 118, Parker, Amoy February 9, General.—CHINESE.
Vindobona, Austrian steamer, 2,669, F. Mera, Trieste December 21, Bombay, Colombo and Singapore February 5, General.—SANDER & Co.
Ancona, British steamer, 1,888, W. D. Madro, Yokohama February 3, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Argoye, British str., 2,307, R. Samuel, Mofet February 5, General.—NIPKOP YUSAN KATSHA.
Brunhilde, German str., 880, T. Biddle, Chinkiang February 7, Rice.—WILLER & Co.
Rivendale, British str., 1,311, E. Peck, Mofet February 5, Coal.—DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.
Phra Chula Chom Klao, British steamer, 1,012, J. A. Morris, Bangkok February 1, and Ang-hin 5, Rice and General.—YUEN FAT HONG.
Rokilla, British steamer, 2,167, G. C. Henning, E. N. K., Bombay January 23, and Singapore February 3, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Carmarthenshire, British steamer, 1,887, G. Richards, London and Singapore Feb. 6, General.—DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.
Whampoa, British steamer, 1,109, T. Harde, Chinkiang February 7, Rice and Peas.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
DEPARTURES.
February 10:—
Fekin, for Swatow.
Donar, for Saigon.
Michael Jensen, for Haiphong.
Kuonig Mo, for Amoy.
Deuawongse, for Bangkok.
Taiyuan, for Port Darwin and Sydney.
Honit, for Haiphong.
Moldane, for Mofet.
Sabine Rickmers, for Amoy.
February 11:—
Booleang, for Shanghai.
Tamsui, for Canton.
CLEARED.
Lion, for Amoy.
Haitan, for Swatow, &c.
Trilos, for Saigon.
Marie Valerie, for Singapore and Bombay.
PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per Asion, from Saigon, 9 Chinese.
Per China, from San Francisco, &c., Mr. J. S. Van Buren, Geo. F. Wells, F. E. Volck, T. M. Mackay, F. H. Jernigan, J. W. Bolles, Hunter Smith, Mrs. Jernigan, and 2 children, Miss E. B. Mages, Mrs. G.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Daylight.—Haitan leaves for Conat Port.
Daylight.—Lion leaves for S'hai, &c.
3 p.m.—Arratoon Apear leaves for Straits and Calcutta.
5 p.m.—Rokilla leaves for Shanghai.
Amusements.
9 p.m.—A. D. C. Performance at City Hall.
Exchange.
Hongkong, February 11, 1895.
On London—1/11 1/2
Bank, Wire, ... 1/11 1/2
On demand, ... 1/11 1/2
" 30 days' sight, ... 1/11 1/2
" 4 months' sight, ... 1/11 1/2
On Paris—2/45
On demand, ... 2/45
On Berlin—Demand, ... 2/51
On New York—47 1/2
On demand, ... 47 1/2
On Bombay—184
On demand, ... 184
On Calcutta—184
On demand, ... 184
On Shanghai—71 1/2
On demand, ... 71 1/2
30 days' sight, private paper, ... 72 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tola) \$51.70
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) \$10.05
Silver (per oz.) ... 27 1/2
HONGKONG REGISTER.
Barometer ... 30.05 30.22 30.12
Temperature ... 59 57 57
Humidity ... 97 80 85
Direction of Wind ... SSE ENE E
Force ... 1 3 4
Weather ... od o o
Rain ... 0.05
Highest open air temperature on the 10th ... 60
Lowest open air temperature on the 10th ... 48
F. G. Fiqu, First Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 11, 1895.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM the 1st January, 1895, the Subscription to the CHINA MAIL will be as follows:—
For the Quarter, ... \$7.00
" Month, ... 2.50
Copies of the 'CHINA MAIL' may be obtained at the Hongkong Hotel.
CHINA MAIL OFFICE, HONGKONG.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Wines and Spirits.

All these are SELECTED by our LONDON House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits and enabling us to supply the BEST GOODS AT MODERATE PRICES.
PRICE LISTS, with full details, to be had on application.
PORT.—After removal should be a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.
CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with cheap Wines.
BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.
WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The Scotch Whisky marked 'E' is universally popular and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong Market.
We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—
For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CAL CUTTA:—
Per Arratoon Apear, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 12th inst.
For SHANGHAI:—
Per Gerda, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 13th inst.
For YOKOHAMA & KOBE:—
Per Gerda, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 13th inst.
For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA:—
Per Ancona, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 16th inst.
For SINGAPORE:—
Per Brato, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 16th inst.
For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE:—
Extra Postage 10 cents.
Per Guthrie, Registration, at 4 p.m., Letters, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th inst.
For SWATOW & DELI:—
Per Taichong, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th inst.
For KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA:—
Per Tacoma, Registration, 11 a.m., Letters, 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 13th inst.

BIRTH.

On the 11th February, at 13, Praya East, the Wife of W. G. WINTERSBURN, of a Son, stillborn.
On the 3rd Jan., at Littlehampton, Sussex, GEORGE BARNUM YEO, only son of the late G. J. YEO, O.E., of Shanghai, aged seventeen years.
The publication of this issue commences at 7.30 p.m.

DEATH.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1895.
THE Home press has awakened at last to a full recognition of the mighty power—the new political and industrial power—which has arisen in the Far East. European statesmen and thinkers until recently failed to realise the enormous advances of Japanese intellectuality during the past thirty years; the achievements of Japanese scientists and the development of a national character (which differs from all hitherto preconceived notions and which at first appears incompatible with the national characteristics of clever and volatile races), the increasing activity of the Japanese in industrial pursuits and the rapid evolution of the commercial instinct have only now been 'discovered' by the Western peoples on account of the achievements of Japan's forces on land and sea. In a thoughtful, but somewhat hesitating article, the *Spectator* discusses 'The future of the Japanese.' This leading organ of the English intellectual life, doubts whether the marked capacity for self-development pervades the whole of the Japanese people, and predicts, if it is restricted to a hundred thousand families, that the vitality of the new civilisation of Japan, with its marvellous power of assimilation, may die, as did the vitality of the Greek civilisation. In fact, our contemporary is inclined to believe—though it avoids a direct and definite pronouncement—that, after advancing swiftly for say one hundred or one hundred and fifty years, the Japanese nation will sink back to its former position of insignificance. Of the future of Japanese literature the *Spectator* is not sanguine. Much will depend on the attitude of the Mikado and the rulers towards Christianity, for 'literature springs from the mind and the soul, and no European pretends that, as regards the Japanese, he understands either the soul or the mind.' Then, in this connection, there enters the question of what language they will adopt. To hold to their own sinologues means to localise their literature. No Japanese, 'with their passionate desire for universal recognition and respect,' would be content with this limitation; it seems absolutely necessary that they should adopt a European tongue. Which will it be? Looking to the utilitarian spirit of the Japanese we are inclined to think that the English language will yet be adopted; it is the British trader with whom the Japanese will come most acutely into competition, and it is natural, therefore, to assume that, adopting the use of English in her future industrial development, her literature cannot do other than follow as a matter of course. Artistically, our contemporary has a qualified appreciation of the Japanese. Owing to the frequency of earthquakes in the land of Dai Nippon, the Japanese will never develop architectural tendencies as understood by Westerners; and in sculpture, unless they make a complete change in their appreciation of the beauty of form, they will never be strong; but their influence on Western art is already confessed, and a reciprocal influence by Western art will doubtless produce a Japanese school 'which may yet indicate the principles of artistic judgment, a qualitative quantity at any time. What the *Spectator* has to say of them as scientists we feel constrained to quote in *extenso*. The Japanese should be the chemists of the world. 'They have done little in other branches of science, but they display already a marvellous aptitude in some branches of applied chemistry, as witness their colours and their glazes; and it is to this that their habits of patient inquiry, exact observation, and eagerness in experiment are sure to lead them in the end. They may make marvellous discoveries, some of them in medicine and some in war. Colonel Maurice [who contributes an article on the war in the January number of *The United Service Magazine*] suspects that they are already using 'high explosives' against fortifications in a new way—and outstrip, if not the greater chemists of Europe, yet the best of those who apply their science to industrial progress. The Japanese, we predict with some confidence, will within a few years be lecturing in Europe to crowds of eager inquirers into the most profitable methods of applying science. Remember they have proved that they can acquire all that Europe has to teach, and seek more knowledge of their own. In art and science they will become as capable as the French, and probably manifest much the same merits and defects, though the latter will be diminished by their habit of taking infinite trouble. With much of this we agree. In Hongkong, we have had ample demonstration of the ability of Japanese *arvante* to apply the higher principles of Western science to the discovery of the causation of disease, and if subsequent researches of Dr. Kitazato and his *conferees* result in the discovery of a remedy for the deadly pestilence which so recently decimated the population of this Colony, they will have added one of the triumphs of science to the credit of the Japanese race. Where there is so much of praise for the Japanese we feel a diffidence in striking a discordant note. But we can scarcely shut our eyes to the changes that are likely to follow on the drawing up of new treaties between Great Britain and other Foreign Powers with Japan, and much less can we afford to ignore the sturdy opposition of the entire Foreign communities in Japan to the final ratification of these treaties. For be it from

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSAGE SURE CANAL.
OUTWARD BOUND:—Aberdeen, Jan. 4; Umba, 8; Roray, 12; Ounf, 15; Strathgilly, Adelaide, 18; Salscy, Oceana, 22; Lauderdale, 25; Dardanus, Sydney, 28; Coptic, 29; Petropoli, Oakley, Manila, Macduff, Feb. 1.
HOMeward BOUND:—Canton, January 15; Argyle, 18; Peseion, Glasgow, 22; Agamemnon, Salscy, Feb. 1.
The N. L. Co.'s s.s. *Prinz Heinrich*, with the GERMAN MAIL of Jan. 14, left Singapore on Saturday, February 9, at midnight, and may be expected here on or about Friday, February 15, at daylight.
The s.s. *Tacoma* left Yokohama for this port on Feb. 8, via Japan ports.
The O. & O. s.s. *Belgie* left San Francisco on Jan. 24 for this port, via Yokohama and Nagasaki.
The P. M. S. S. *Fery*, with the AMERICAN MAIL, left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, on Feb. 2.
The *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver for Hongkong on Feb. 5.
The s.s. *Chelydra*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore on Feb. 5, and may be expected here on or about Feb. 12.
New Comic Song and Dance Albums, at W. Robinson and Company.
The delivery of the English mail was begun at 4.40 p.m.
THERE were 175 European and 2,203 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Museum during the week ending Feb. 10.
The maximum temperature last month was for the British and Foreign community, civil population, 21.6, and for the Chinese community 17.1.
THE maximum temperature last month was 69.6, on the 1st, and the minimum 43.5, on the 19th. The rainfall amounted to 0.41 inch.
The stamp revenue last month amounted to \$17,317, showing an increase of \$3,992 on the amount collected in the corresponding month of last year.
TRANSPORTING Pianos, at W. Robinson and Company.
If the Chinese diplomatists do not take care, says the *Spectator*, they will begin negotiations after Peking has fallen, and will find the terms related to an impossible figure.
THE Imperial German mail s.s. *Prinz Heinrich*, Captain Engelbart, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin to the 14th January, having left Singapore on the 9th instant, at midnight, is due here on or about Friday, the 15th instant, at daylight.
It is notified in the *Gazette* that under the provisions of Section 3 of the Reformatory School Ordinance, 1886, His Excellency the Governor has by writing under his hand certified that the West Point Reformatory School is fitted for the reception of such youthful offenders as may be sent there in pursuance of the above-mentioned Ordinance.
W. ROBINSON and Company, Piano Builders, Tuners and Repairers.
We have to record the death of Mr. Robert Fraser Smith, editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, which event occurred about half-past seven o'clock on Saturday night. Mr. Fraser Smith had been suffering for many years from lung disease, and he is said to have contracted a chill, which, after a day or two's illness, resulted in his death. He had been a resident of Hongkong for some nineteen years, and as a sportsman and a journalist he has been prominently before the public during that time. His funeral at the Happy Valley this afternoon was largely attended.

traffic is reduced to a minimum. Over 1500 men are at work clearing the streets. The supplies of vegetables, meat and milk have almost failed. There are seven feet of snow in the suburbs.

Rome, Jan. 10.—A snowstorm

houses at Celusa, in the province of Reggio. Sixteen persons were buried in the ruins of the houses. Eight of them were dead when extricated. Snowstorms at Stross, on Lake Maggiore, Ravenna and elsewhere.

Saint Sebastian (Spain), Jan. 10.—Railway communication in the north-western part of Spain is interrupted, owing to the heavy snow.

London, Jan. 10.—The weather in England is intensely cold. There is skating in Regent's Park and on all the ponds about London.

Rev. Thomas Podmore, vicar of Ashton-under-Lyme, was found dead in the snow. On the Continent rivers and lakes are frozen.

rozen and many deaths are reported in consequence of the snowstorms which have prevailed in many parts. A Madrid dispatch to the Standard

TELEGRAPH TO FRANCE HAS NOT BEEN WORKING for nine days, owing to gales and snowstorms. The severity of the weather is unprecedented.

Edinburgh, Jan. 10.—The cold weather now prevailing in Scotland is the most severe experienced in many years. Loch Lomond is frozen over. In several parts of the country railroad traffic has been stopped. Some drifts are twenty feet high.

A TERRIFIC GALE.—LOSS OF LIFE.

London, January 13.—A terrific gale accompanied by a heavy snowfall, originated

ough the country Saturday night, would be intense. The snow drifts in some places were twelve feet deep. The drifts were stopped. The drivers who make their trips suffered terribly. The highways are blocked and road traffic is nearly stopped. The telephone is down in all directions. All the cross-channel steamers were hours late. The Guand-line steamer *Leopold* arrived in Liverpool yesterday for New York via Queenstown twelve hours late. Several vessels are ashore on the coast. The bark *Brilliant*, from Cuba via Bremen, was driven ashore in Pool's Cove, Dorchesterhire. The crew was rescued by a lifeboat. Some of them were injured. The vessel will probably be

The wrecked. It is said that two ships were on the Humber, and that their crews were drowned.

The railway company's ferry, *Eric*, opposite Hull, caught fire during the storm and was wrecked.

A large war vessel, *Staudgate*, Kent, was the rescuer of her crew and accompanied by the *Eric*. The life-boat men attempted to launch their boat, but the *Eric* got stuck in a snow bank and it was impossible to get her into the water.

It was fortunate a coast guardman directed the crew of his heavy clothing and carrying life-boat away into the boiling surf.

After a long struggle, the life-boat, after the crew struggled, reached the wreck. Then the *Eric* was drawn ashore.

and their gallant rescuer were soon on shore.

Several are putting into the roadside shelter. Several skating accidents and loss of deaths from exposure are reported. The snowfall continues.

January 13.—The French steamer *Arctique* was wrecked in the local harbor, founded three miles off Cape Cod during a cyclone. Thirteen people drowned.

London, Jan. 14.—The steamer *Roson* was numbered in the Bay of Biscay. One boat containing six men alive and one dead was picked up. The other boats were launched with seven men, leaving the first officer, has been lost. Italian bark *Thersina*, from Livorno to Trieste, has been wrecked near Genoa. The captain and

brigantine *Satis*, from Rochester to Ireland, has been stranded at Donna-Lincolnshire. The crew was rescued rocket apparatus.

AFFAIRS IN GERMANY.
 in, January 11.—General Pape,
 or of Berlin, has been relieved and
 al Baron von Loe appointed to suc-
 ceed him.
 on, January 11.—A Berlin despatch
 Times says: The court removed
 from Potsdam Thursday. The Em-
 peror traveled in a sleigh.
 on, January 12.—Chancellor von
 Bismarck, accompanied by his sons,
 for Friedrichshagen at 9 o'clock this
 day to visit Prince Bismarck. They
 at noon, and were received at the
 by Count Herbert Bismarck and
 von Bismarck. Prince

aw. After an exchange of greetings, the party proceeded to the castle, the chancellor and his sons were met by Prince Bismarck. All dined, and, in the afternoon, at 4 o'clock the started on their return. Count will come to Berlin to-morrow. Prince William has given the Alexandrian a valuable collection of books on Italian subjects.

THE DEATH OF A FAMOUS WATCHMAKER.
BOSTON (Mass.) January 10.—News of the death of a famous watchmaker of Alvin F. Dennison of Birmingham, England, has been received. He was throughout the world as the father of the American system of watchmaking.

January 10.—General Sir John
old Hawkins, Royal Engineer,
commissioned for marking out
between British and United
territories west of the

1856 to 1863, is dead. He was
118.
ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP AGENCY.
January 10.—A dense fog over-
river Clyde to-day. The Anchor-
line *Circassia* is aground on
the banks. Passengers will be
Wemyss bay and forwarded by
Lagow.
MARRIAGE OF CHRISTIE'S DAUGHTER.
January 10.—The civil marriage
of Josephine Christie to

PRINCE OF WALES NOT WELL.
Jan. 10.—The Prince of Wales is suffering from the effects of a chill, but his condition is not serious.

the Orient, the Japanese colonies
gh section of the city held a
to commemorate the recent
their fellow countrymen. The
sponsored by the belligerent ex-
and warlike conduct of the
et fire to the Japanese quarter.
a conflagration was prevented

re the department turning out
of the flames.

